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APPLICANT : Alexander James Bridges, et al. EXAMINER : Mojdeh Bahar  
SERIAL NO. : 10/049,762 ART UNIT : 1617  
FILED : June 20, 2002 PAPER NO. : 8  
FOR : Method for Treating Chronic Pain Using MEK Inhibitors

**Response to Restriction Requirement Under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 3, 2003 (Paper Number 7) in which Restriction was required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372.

Under PCT Rule 13.1 and in accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, Applicants were required to elect a single invention of the following inventions:

**Group I**, claim(s) 1-26 and 122, drawn to a method of treating pain employing a compound of formula I.

**Group II**, claim(s) 27-35, 37-58 and 123, drawn to a method of treating pain employing a compound of formula II A.

**Group III**, claim 36, drawn to a method of treating pain employing a compound of formula IA.

**Group IV**, claim(s) 59-94 and 124, drawn to a method of treating pain employing a compound of formula IB.

**Group V**, claim(s) 95-121 and 125, drawn to a method of treating pain employing a compound of formula IC.

The Applicants hereby elect Group IV for prosecution on the merits, without traverse.

The Applicants have also been required to elect a single species to which the claim shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. The Applicants hereby elect the species 2-(2-chloro-4-ethynyl-phenylamino)-N-cyclopropylmethoxy-3,4-difluoro-benzamide.

Claims 59-67, 71, 72, 74, 79, 81, 82, 83, and 94 are readable on the elected species.

Finally, the Applicants respectfully reserve the right to file a Divisional application(s) to the non-elected claims.

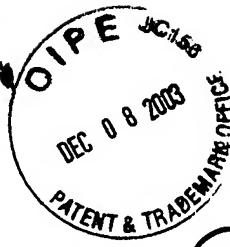
The Applicants submit that this application is now in condition for allowance, which allowance is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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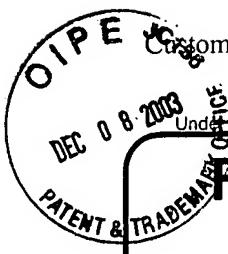
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Total Claims		-20** = 0	X \$18.00 =	0.00
Independent Claims		- 3** = 0	X \$86.00 =	0.00
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1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20
1201 84	2201 42	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203 280	2203 140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204 84	2204 42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205 18	2205 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
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1812 2,520	1812 2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
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1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month	
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1253 930	2253 465	Extension for reply within third month	
1254 1,450	2254 725	Extension for reply within fourth month	
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